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- (A1) dividing the edited document copy into a plurality of edited sections; and
- (A2) comparing each of the plurality of edited sections to the first section.
- **18**. The method according to claim **17** wherein the first <sup>5</sup> section and each of the plurality of edited sections is comprised of subsections and wherein step A2 comprises the
  - (A2A) comparing the subsections in the first section with the subsections in each of the plurality of edited sec-
- 19. The method according to claim 18 wherein step A2A comprises the step of determining that one of the plurality of edited sections was a copy of the first section before editing when a predetermined number of adjacent subsections
- 20. The method according to claim 15 wherein step B comprises the step of:
  - document immediately after the first section.
- 21. The method according to claim 15 wherein step B comprises the step of:
  - (B2) marking the first and second section as a pair of sections.
- 22. The method according to claim 21 wherein step B further comprises the step of:
  - (B3) changing the first section to incorporate at least one of the changes in the second section in response to a user command.
- 23. A computer program product for producing a final document from a first document and a second document in response to user commands in a computer system having a memory, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program 35 code thereon, the computer readable program code includ
  - means responsive to a user command for comparing the first document with the second document in order to identify a first section of the first document which  $^{40}$ contains unedited portions identical to portions of a second section of the second document;

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- means responsive to the comparison of the first and second documents for creating a consolidated document in the memory, the consolidated document displaying both edited and unedited portions of each of the first and the second sections;
- means responsive to the creation of the consolidated document for determining changes between the first section and the second section;
- editing means controlled by user commands for selecting desired changes to be made in the first section from the determined changes; and
- means responsive to a user command for forming a final document which includes the unedited portions of the first section and the selected desired changes.
- 24. A computer program product for producing a final document from an original document and an edited copy of the original document in response to user commands, in a computer system having a memory, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having com-(B1) inserting the second section into the consolidated 20 puter readable program code thereon, the computer readable program code including:
  - means responsive to a user command for comparing a first section of the original document with the edited document copy in order to identify a second section of the edited document copy which was a copy of the first section before editing;
  - means responsive to the identification of the second section for creating a consolidated document in the memory, the consolidated document displaying both edited and unedited potions of each of the first and the second sections;
  - means responsive to the creation of the consolidated document for determining changes between the first section and the second section;
  - editing means controlled by user commands for selecting desired changes to be made in the first section from the determined changes; and
  - means responsive to a user command for forming the final document which includes the unedited portions of the first section and the selected desired changes.